

MISSISSIPPI

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congr		FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2002	
<u>Distr</u>	<u>Park Units</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Uncontrol</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2002</u>
				<u>Changes</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
05	Gulf Islands NS	4,866,000	5,660,000	147,000	0	5,807,000
04	Natchez NHP	1,486,000	1,510,000	30,000	0	1,540,000
	* Natchez Trace NST	26,000	26,000	0	0	26,000
	* Natchez Trace Pkwy,					
	Brices Xrds, Tupelo NB	8,029,000	9,318,000	191,000	0	9,509,000
02	Vicksburg NMP	1,999,000	2,320,000	52,000	0	2,372,000

* Congressional districts for Natchez Trace NST and for Natchez Trace Pkwy include 01, 02, 03 and 04.

The table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction and Maintenance, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in those programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

None

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Gulf Islands NS	365 acres	\$2,000

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION

None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Natchez Trace Parkway	Parkway rehabilitation - phase 1	\$3,768
Natchez Trace Parkway	Parkway rehabilitation - phase 2	\$910
Natchez Trace Parkway	Construct parkway, pave I55 to I20	\$16,500

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$736

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$6,036

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

Fiscal Year 2002 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: **Gulf Islands National Seashore**

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2002): Priority No. 15

Location: Vicinity of Gulf Breeze, Florida, and Ocean Springs, Mississippi

States/Counties/Congressional Districts:

State of Florida/Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties/Congressional District No. 1

State of Mississippi/Harrison and Jackson Counties/Congressional District No. 5

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: Public Law 106-554 authorized the appropriation of sums necessary to acquire land and submerged land on and adjacent to Cat Island, Mississippi.

Cost Detail:

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2002 Request	365	\$2,000,000
Future Funding Need	929	\$3,000,000

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: None.

Description: Gulf Islands National Seashore was authorized on January 8, 1971, to preserve for public use and enjoyment certain areas of the Gulf Coast islands and mainland, possessing outstanding natural, historic, and recreational values. The seashore's land protection plan assigns highest priority to the acquisition of tracts on Horn Island designated as potential wilderness additions. Public Law 106-554 authorized the acquisition, from willing sellers only, of lands and interests comprising the 2,000-acre Cat Island in the State of Mississippi. Lands and interests so acquired are to be included within the boundary of Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: Offshore islands have sparkling white sand beaches, historic forts, and nature trails. Mainland features of this unit, which is located near Pensacola, include the Naval Live Oaks Reservation, beaches, and military forts.

Threat: Acquisition and protection of these barrier islands is necessary to prevent recreational and residential development that would threaten the resources of the national seashore.

Need: For fiscal year 2002, \$2,000,000 are needed to acquire four tracts totaling 365 acres at the national seashore. The funds will be used (1) to continue acquisition of Cat Island with the acquisition of a 140-acre tract, and (2) to acquire the remaining interest in three tracts totaling 225 acres on Horn Island within the national seashore boundary. The United States presently owns an undivided half interest in the Horn Island tracts. If the owner of the remaining interest does not sell to the United States, partition and development of the property is likely to occur. The acquisition of the Cat Island property will be phased over several years. For fiscal year 2001, \$4,000,000 was appropriated to commence acquisition of the property.

Interaction with Landowners and Partners: The owners of these properties are willing sellers. Negotiations to purchase the Cat Island tract have been ongoing for over a year. The Service has recently ordered an appraisal of Cat Island and has obtained an appraisal of the Horn Island interests to be acquired. The appraisal is scheduled for review by the Service's Washington Office in the March 2001.